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Estonian SSR

Kolkhozes of the republic had begun sowing winter crops by 18 August. The area to be sown to winter crops is being expanded. Mechanized sowing has doubled. (1)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plans for grain harvesting, flax pulling, and fodder procurement in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 25 August (2):

| <u>Oblast</u> | <u>Grain Crops Reaped</u> | <u>Grain Crops Threshed</u> | <u>Flax Pulled</u> | <u>Hay Procured</u> | <u>Ensilage Procured</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pjarnuskaya | 22.9 | 7 | 8 | 46 | 65 |
| Tallinskaya | 22.5 | 5 | 7 | 47 | 70 |
| Tartuskaya | 25.0 | 9 | 15 | 45 | 69 |

Kolkhozes of the republic are reminded of their pledge made in a letter to Stalin to exceed the 1952 plan and attain the following increases in the number of head of livestock: cattle, at least 16 percent; hogs, at least 12 percent; and sheep, 7 percent. They must also honor their pledge to obtain an average yield of at least 2,000 kilograms of milk per cow and at least 3.5 kilograms of wool per sheep on hand at the beginning of the year. (3)

Lithuanian SSR

In the republic, there are comparatively few weeds on fields of spring grain crops which were sown early and on well-prepared soil. Thick stands of grain on these fields have inhibited the growth of weeds. (4)

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for grain procurement and harvesting of grain and legume crops in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 25 August (5):

| <u>Oblast</u> | <u>Grain Procurement</u> | <u>Harvesting of Grain and Legume Crops</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Kaunasskaya | 21.0 | 54.2 |
| Klaypedskaya | 11.8 | 44.1 |
| Shyaul'yayskaya | 8.7 | 41.5 |
| Vil'nyusskaya | 24.1 | 54.5 |

As in other oblasts of the republic, most MTS of Vil'nyusskaya Oblast are lagging in fodder procurement in kolkhozes. With the grain harvest in progress, many MTS have ceased mowing grasses and storing ensilage altogether. (6)

Belorussian SSR

The 1952 plan for sowing spring grain crops in sovkhoses of the Ministry of State Farms Belorussian SSR was fulfilled 102.2 percent, including wheat 110.1 percent; that for planting potatoes was fulfilled 101.3 percent, sowing perennial grasses 102.6 percent, and planting fodder root crops 102 percent.

Kolkhozes of the ministry are urged to honor their pledge to Stalin to harvest in 1952 a per-hectare average of 96 pud of grain, 150 pud of potatoes, 350 pud of fodder roots, and 35 quintals of perennial grass hay. (7)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plans for harvesting of grain crops, hay, flax, and fodder in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 25 August (8):

| <u>Oblast</u> | <u>All Grain and Legume Crops Reaped</u> | <u>Grain Crops Threshed</u> | <u>Seed Flax Pulled</u> | <u>Flax Threshed</u> | <u>Natural Sown Grasses Mowed</u> | <u>Grasses Mowed</u> | <u>Ensilage Stored</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Baranovichskaya | 67.6 | 17.6 | 60.5 | 15.5 | 97 | 93 | 48 |
| Bobruyskaya | 64.6 | 34.7 | 61.5 | 40.8 | 80 | 93 | 44 |
| Brestskaya | 81.9 | 29.2 | 66.6 | 9.3 | 102 | 72 | 43 |
| Gomel'skaya | 69.7 | 52.8 | 76.1 | 29.2 | 84 | 52 | 47 |
| Grodenskaya | 77.7 | 24.4 | 53.2 | 6.7 | 104 | 72 | 43 |
| Minskaya | 46.7 | 23.8 | 46.5 | 5.9 | 96 | 57 | 41 |
| Mogilevskaya | 48.1 | 30.4 | 67.7 | 6.1 | 94 | 85 | 45 |
| Molodechnenskaya | 60.1 | 17.9 | 16.1 | 1.3 | 96 | 61 | 32 |
| Pinskaya | 78.1 | 25.8 | 82.1 | 30.1 | 97 | 100 | 117 |
| Poleskaya | 76.3 | 45.2 | 66.3 | 39.4 | 76 | 64 | 39 |
| Polotskaya | 45.4 | 23.2 | 35.6 | 7.2 | 89 | 72 | 87 |
| Vitebskaya | 35.4 | 25.4 | 64.8 | 1.4 | 81 | 65 | 77 |

Ukrainian SSR

About 400 kolkhozes of Kievskaya Oblast had fulfilled the plan for grain delivery to the state by 15 August. As of 11 August, 25 rayons in Vinnitskaya Oblast had met the plan for grain (excluding late crops) delivery. (9)

By 20 August, a rich grain harvest was nearing completion in the Ukraine. More than 90 percent of spiked grain crops had been reaped in the republic. The last hundreds of hectares were being reaped in kolkhozes of Vinnitskaya, Kamenets-Podol'skaya, Chernovitskaya, Izmail'skaya, and Kievskaya oblasts. (10)

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As of 25 August, kolkhozes of the republic had reaped 90.9 percent of all grain crops (except maize). The plan for combine harvesting had been met 78.7 percent in the republic as a whole. Straw had been stacked on 51.8 percent of the area harvested by combine. About 77 percent of all reaped grain, including that combined, had been threshed. Harvesting of seed flax, perennial and annual grass seed, tobacco (makhorka), volatile oil crops, and other crops was continuing. Sowing of winter crops was developing. (11)

Moldavian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for harvesting, sowing of winter crops, and plowing of winter fallow in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 25 August (12):

| <u>Okrug</u> | <u>Grain Crops</u> | | <u>Ensilage Land for</u> | | <u>Winter</u> | <u>Winter</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>Threshed With</u> | <u>Perennial Grass</u> | <u>Crops</u> | <u>Winter Crops</u> | <u>Crops</u> | <u>Fallow</u> |
| | <u>Threshers</u> | <u>Seed Harvested</u> | <u>Mowed</u> | <u>Plowed</u> | <u>Sown</u> | <u>Plowed</u> |
| Bel'tskiy | 71.7 | 36.7 | 44.3 | 52.5 | 3.8 | 12.4 |
| Kagul'skiy | 65.8 | 33.7 | 80.3 | 53.1 | 2.3 | 12.3 |
| Kishinevskiy | 77.3 | 37.9 | 76.1 | 55.7 | 0.5 | 11.2 |
| Tiraspol'skiy | 63.0 | 42.8 | 65.0 | 58.8 | -- | 8.6 |

Georgian SSR

The Ministry of Agriculture Georgian SSR reports that, as of 15 August, 313,774 hectares of grain had been reaped in the republic, including 193,695 hectares by combine. Kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast had reaped 284,164 hectares of grain, including 188,612 hectares by combine.

Mowing of natural grasses is continuing. Although they have already exceeded the plan, kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast are continuing to mow grasses.

As of 15 August, tobacco-growing kolkhozes of the republic had cut and strung 39,584,967 string-meters of tobacco, including 26,933,100 in Abkhazskaya ASSR and 1,925,843 in Adzharskaya ASSR. (13)

The Ministry of Agriculture Georgian SSR reports that, as of 20 August, 342,391 hectares of grain had been reaped in the republic, including 209,037 hectares by combine. Kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast had fulfilled the plan for reaping of spiked grain crops 79.5 percent, including that for combine harvesting 94.9 percent.

Mowing of natural grasses is continuing. Kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast are still continuing to mow grasses.

As of 20 August, tobacco-growing kolkhozes of the republic had cut and strung 50,328,154 string-meters of tobacco, including 12,328,154 in Tbilisskaya Oblast, 35,835,800 in Abkhazskaya ASSR, and 2,559,424 in Adzharskaya ASSR.

In 1952, sowing of winter wheat is being expanded. Already allotted to this crop are 16,666 hectares of new land. Of the area to be sown to winter wheat, 30,205 hectares have been plowed by tractor, including 30,205 hectares in Tbilisskaya Oblast. (14)

On 26 August, kolkhozes of Yugo-Osetinskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain (except maize) to the state 102 percent, including wheat 120 percent. Deliveries of grain to the state for MTS services are continuing. (15)

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On 30 August, kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain (except maize) to the state 100.1 percent, including wheat 106.4 percent. In 1952, 3,020,920 more pud were delivered than in 1951. Deliveries to the state for MTS services are continuing.(16)

Armenian SSR

As of 20 August, the plan for harvesting of grain crops in kolkhozes of the republic had been fulfilled 43.1 percent. The plan should have been fulfilled 53.1 percent as of this date.(17)

In 1952, up to 45 percent of the area sown to cotton in the republic is to be harvested by machine. The number of cotton-harvesting machines has increased 50 percent over 1951.(18)

Azerbaydzhan SSR

By 20 August, kolkhozes and sovkhozes of Bakinskaya Oblast had fulfilled the state plan for delivery of grain 100.2 percent, including wheat 100 percent.(19)

On 25 August, kolkhozes and sovkhozes of Bakinskaya Oblast fulfilled the 1952 plan for delivery of wool to the state 103.2 percent. In 1952, 999 more tons of wool were delivered than in 1951.(20)

RSFSR

Kolkhozes in the southern portion of Arkhangel'skaya Oblast had begun reaping of grain crops by 15 August. In 1952, five times as many self-propelled combines will be used in the harvest as in 1951.(4)

By 17 August, many rayons of Irkutskaya Oblast had begun mass harvesting of grain crops. Daily, more and more combines and other harvesting machines were entering kolkhoz and sovkhoz fields.(21)

Kolkhozes and sovkhozes of Krimskaya Oblast had fulfilled the plan for reaping of spiked grain crops by 18 August.(22)

Having completed the grain harvest in Krimskaya Oblast, MTS of the oblast have gone to the aid of kolkhozes in the central and northern regions of the country. A total of 350 Stalinets-6 and self-propelled combines have been shipped to Orlovskaya and Arkhangel'skaya oblasts. There, the best combiners of Krimskaya Oblast are applying the experience which they gained from harvesting the crop in the Crimea.

Many leading sovkhoz combiners from the Crimea are now harvesting grain in sovkhozes of Rostovskaya Oblast. A group of mechanics has gone to Kazakhstan. A large number of combines is being sent to MTS in Kalininskaya Oblast.(23)

In 1952, climatic conditions were not favorable for grain harvesting in the region east of the Urals in Kurganskaya Oblast.(24)

As of 20 August, kolkhozes of Leningradskaya Oblast had fulfilled the plan for reaping of winter grain crops 14.7 percent; 16.8 percent of the grain crops reaped had been threshed.(25) As of 25 August, they had fulfilled the plan only 35 percent and had threshed only 29 percent of all grain crops reaped.(26)

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Kazakh SSR

The socialist competition agreement made between Kirgiz SSR and Kazakh SSR calls for kolkhozes of Dzhambul'skaya Oblast to obtain an average milk yield of 1,200 liters per cow. The pledge is not being fulfilled, since after 7 months the average yield per cow is only 508 liters.(27)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for hay mowing and ensilage storage in kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic, as of 25 August (28):

| <u>Oblast</u> | <u>Kolkhozes</u> | | <u>Sovkhoses</u> | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>Hay Procured</u> | <u>Ensilage Stored</u> | <u>Hay Procured</u> | <u>Ensilage Stored</u> |
| Akmolinskaya | 23.7 | 43.7 | 32.1 | 24.6 |
| Aktyubinskaya | 45.6 | 38.9 | 23.7 | 12.0 |
| Alma-Atinskaya | 58.8 | 85.9 | 50.8 | 83.9 |
| Dzhambul'skaya | 65.3 | 79.3 | 92.7 | 77.3 |
| Gur'yevskaya | 58.2 | 18.2 | -- | -- |
| Karagandinskaya | 53.4 | 53.2 | 54.3 | 38.3 |
| Kokchetavskaya | 35.5 | 46.7 | 38.9 | 26.5 |
| Kustanayskaya | 40.6 | 35.6 | 31.6 | 14.2 |
| Kzyl-Ordinskaya | 58.5 | 68.5 | 25.6 | 51.1 |
| Pavlodarskaya | 34.8 | 47.2 | 43.4 | 25.5 |
| Semipalatinskaya | 42.1 | 67.8 | 51.0 | 47.2 |
| Severo-Kazakhstanskaya | 44.5 | 20.6 | 48.2 | 44.8 |
| Taldy-Kurganskaya | 51.0 | 88.9 | 56.0 | 61.3 |
| Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya | 40.4 | 86.9 | -- | -- |
| Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya | 62.4 | 88.9 | 112.1 | 115.9 |
| Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya | 31.3 | 23.3 | -- | -- |

Uzbek SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for procurement of grain crops (except rice) in oblasts of the republic, as of 25 August (29):

| <u>Oblast</u> | <u>Fulfillment</u> | <u>Oblast</u> | <u>Fulfillment</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Andizhanskaya | 105.4 | Khorezmskaya | 517.7 |
| Bukharskaya | 109.5 | Namanganskaya | 114.3 |
| Ferganskaya | 113.3 | Samarkandskaya | 104.5 |
| Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR | 116.3 | Surkhan-Dar'inskaya | 108.4 |
| Kashka-Dar'inskaya | 84.0 | Tashkentskaya | 100.5 |

Kolkhozes of Kashka-Dar'inskaya Oblast had begun sowing winter wheat by 17 August. In most kolkhozes, it is being sown by the furrow method (borozdovyy sposob) on well-prepared summer fallow. The furrow method results in a better harvest and requires less seed than the drill method.(21)

Selective harvesting of jute had begun in the republic by 20 August. Many kolkhozes of the republic have grown a good crop.(30)

Takzhik SSR

MIS of the republic had fulfilled the plan for combine harvesting of grain crops by 25 August. Grain from 30,000 more hectares had been threshed as of this date than as of the same date in 1951. The rice harvest has begun in the southern portion of the republic; in general, it is better than in 1951.(31)

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Considerably earlier than in 1951, kolkhozes of the republic fulfilled the state plan for delivery of apricots to enterprises of the canning industry. A big crop permitted them to deliver more than 10,000 quintals of fruit in excess of plan. (32)

Kirgiz SSR

More than 300 kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic had fulfilled their grain delivery obligations by 16 August. A good harvest is permitting them to deliver to the state considerably more grain than in 1951. (21)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for grain harvesting in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 20 August (33):

| <u>Oblast</u> | <u>All Grain and Legume Crops Reaped</u> | <u>Grain and Legume Crops Threshed Including Those Combined (% of reaped area)</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dzhalal-Abadskaya | 71.2 | 77.4 |
| Frunzenskaya | 80.0 | 93.6 |
| Issyk-Kul'skaya | 18.3 | 96.0 |
| Oshskaya | 59.7 | 75.2 |
| Talasskaya | 64.4 | 99.8 |
| Tyan'-Shan'skaya | 2.2 | 46.6 |

Kolkhozes, sovkhoses, and MTS of Talasskaya Oblast fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain to the state on 16 August, 24 days earlier than in 1951. Deliveries for MTS services are continuing. (33)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for fodder procurement in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 25 August (34):

| <u>Oblast</u> | <u>Natural Grasses Mowed</u> | <u>Alfalfa Mowed (second cutting)</u> | <u>Fodder Crops Ensilaged</u> | <u>Fodder Procured (in terms of hay)</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Dzhalal-Abadskaya | 90.0 | 46.7 | 83.5 | 47.5 |
| Frunzenskaya | 99.3 | 52.3 | 46.2 | 34.8 |
| Issyk-Kul'skaya | 37.7 | 12.2 | 86.9 | 21.5 |
| Oshskaya | 90.2 | 48.1 | 92.7 | 44.8 |
| Talasskaya | 89.1 | 41.0 | 79.5 | 38.3 |
| Tyan'-Shan'skaya | 78.3 | -- | 93.1 | 45.8 |

In connection with the socialist competition being waged between Kazakh and Kirgiz SSRs in 1952, a report of an inspection brigade from Kazakh SSR on progress of the competition in Kirgiz SSR, headed by G. Kadyrbayev, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Kazakh SSR, contained the following information:

In kolkhozes of Talasskaya and Frunzenskaya oblasts, purebred cattle compose more than 57 percent of the herds. Fine-wooled, semifine-wooled, and semicoarse-wooled sheep account for more than 61 percent of all sheep in kolkhozes of the republic and 81-92 percent of all sheep in the kolkhozes of Talasskaya, Frunzenskaya, and Issyk-Kul'skaya oblasts. In kolkhozes of the republic, 71 percent of the hogs are improved types.

As of 1 August, the 1952 plan for increasing the number of head of live-stock in kolkhozes of the republic had been fulfilled as follows: cattle 89 percent, hogs 53.7 percent, sheep 91.5 percent, and fowl 56.8 percent. The plan for artificial insemination of cows in kolkhozes of the republic had been fulfilled only 38.5 percent. Because of poor care of mothers and offspring, kolkhozes of the republic had retained only 51 calves, 561 pigs, 68 lambs and kids, and 48 colts per 100 females, as of 1 August.

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In the republic as a whole, livestock productivity remains low. As of 1 July, average milk yield per cow in kolkhozes of the republic was only 283 liters, or 28.3 percent of the amount promised in the 1952 pledge; in kolkhozes of Frunzenskaya Oblast, the pledge had been met 38.4 percent.

In the spring of 1952, kolkhozes of the republic obtained an average wool clip of 1.22 kilograms per sheep shorn, or 1.02 kilograms per sheep on hand on 1 January. Kolkhozes thereby fulfilled their 1952 pledges for average wool clip per sheep as follows: wool from fine-wooled sheep 57 percent; wool from semifine-wooled sheep 36.7 percent; wool from semicoarse-wooled sheep 32.1 percent; and wool from coarse-wooled sheep 44.3 percent. The wool clip was lowest in kolkhozes of Tyan'-Shan'skaya Oblast. A total of 58,700 sheep in kolkhozes of the oblast remained unshorn, as of 1 August.

Due to improper fattening practices, kolkhozes of the republic delivered cattle to the state with a live weight of 260 kilograms instead of 300 pledged and sheep with a live weight of 38 kilograms instead of 50 pledged. During the first 7 months of 1952, 34 percent of the cattle and 37 percent of the sheep delivered to the state were underfinished.

When they entered the competition with Kazakh SSR, kolkhozes of Kirgiz SSR pledged to fulfill the delivery plans for meat, milk, wool, and eggs, by 7 November. As of 10 August, these plans had been met as follows: meat 43.7 percent, milk 57.4 percent, wool 55 percent, and eggs 64.8 percent.

In kolkhozes of the republic, the first cutting of alfalfa had not been performed on more than 20,000 hectares, as of 10 August; the plan for the second cutting had been met only 19.9 percent. The plan for mowing of natural grasses (in hectares) had been met 67.2 percent. A long lag is permitted between mowing and stacking. In many kolkhozes, no records are kept of the amount of fodder which has been procured. The plan for ensilage storage had been met 71 percent, as of 10 August. As of this date, not one MTS or MZbS (mechanized animal husbandry station) had met its plan for hay mowing and only five MTS have met their plans for ensilage storage.

As of 1 August, sovkhoses of the republic had met the 1952 plan for livestock development as follows: cattle 94.9 percent, hogs 84.9 percent, sheep and goats 98.8 percent, and horses 97.8 percent. Out of 17 meat and dairy sovkhoses, only seven had fulfilled the plan for delivery of milk to the state; not one sovkhos out of 26 had fulfilled the plan for delivery of wool. The plan for procurement of coarse fodder had been met 58.1 percent and that for ensilage storage 61.7 percent. (35)

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